



Docket No. RDID 0041US

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Zimmer et al.

Application No.: 09/555,618

Group No.: 1742

Filed: 5 Jan 2001

Examiner: Sikyin

For: MODIFICATION OF SURFACES TO INCREASE THE SURFACE TENSION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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**REPLY IN RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

This is submitted in response to the restriction requirement of March 21, 2002.

In response thereto, Group II, i.e., Claims 3-14 and 16-26 are elected.

In the Claims

As shown in the attached Version with Markings to Show Changes Made, claims 1, 2, 15, 27 and 28 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter claimed therein.

As shown in the attached Clean Version of Replacement Claims for Entry During Prosecution of US Application No. 09/555,618, claims 3-14 and 16-26 remain pending in the application.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 2, 15, 27 and 28 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter claimed therein. The right to file a divisional application directed to the cancelled claims is acknowledged.

The claims are believed to be in condition for allowance, and allowance of the application is respectfully requested. It is requested that this paper be considered a Petition for Extension of time sufficient to effect a timely response, and that all fees due be charged to Deposit Account Number 50-0877 with reference to (RDID 0041 US).

Respectfully submitted,  
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